Review of Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act

1218. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any critical review of the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976 has been made recently by Govenment to know how far the principle objectives of the Act have been achieved as also to identify the shortcomings, if any, in the Act and its implementation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to bring any changes in the Act, if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) Amendments to the Urban Land (Ceiling & Regulation) Act, 1976 are under consideration of the Government.

Loss to NCCF on replacement of dry dates

1219. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2748 given in Rajya Sabha on 2-12-88 and state:

(a) whether the investigations by the Delhi Police in the matter have been completed;

(b) if so, what are the findings thereof, if not, by when the investigations are likely to be completed;

(c) whether according to an agreement signed with M/s. Khanna Motors, they were required to furnish Rs. 5 lakh as bank guarantee for due performance, but actually not done; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to fix the responsibility for this lapse and what action has been taken against the officials of NCCF found responsible?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Adarsh Nagar Police Station was investigating the case. The Case has now been transferred to Crime Branch of Delhi Police.

(c) and (d) The agreement signed by the NCCF on 16-2-1988 with M/s. Khanna Motors, Delhi did not specify any amount for bank guarantee. NCCF had asked the transporter in December, 1987 to furnish a bank guarantee of Rs. 5 lakhs. However, the transporter expressed his inability to furnish the same and in lieu thereof offered to take payment of freight, octroi etc. after a month from the date of GTR. The full performance of the agreement was suspended by NCCF because of non-lifting of goods by the local buyer and the alleged malpractices committed by him. The matter is under investigation by the Crime Branch of Delhi Police on the basis of a complaint lodged by NCCF on 10-5-1988. As the investigations have not been completed by the Police, the involvement of NCCF officers cannot be ascertained at this stage.

Recovery of unpaid amount from Shahdra Consumers Cooperative Stores

1220. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the replies to Unstarred Questions 2450 and No. 2298 given in Rajya Sabha on 14-8-87 and 13-5-88 respectively and state:

(a) whether arbitration proceedings in the office of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, New Delhi, have been completed;

(b) if so, what follow up action has been taken by Government to recover Rs. 22.46 lakh along with interest from the Shahdra Consumer Stores; and

(c) whether all the NCCF branches have confirmed compliance of its instructions dated 4-12-1984 not to undertake any business transactions with M/s. Shahdra Consumers Cooperative Store?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

(c) NCCF have reported that none of its branches is doing any businesss transactions with the Shahdra Consumers Cooperative Stores.

Reaction by Agricultural Scientists community against new seed import policy

1221. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
DR. R.K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the agricultural Scientists community in the country have shown their dissatisfaction and discontentment with regard to Government's new seed policy;

(b) if so, what is the basic objective envisaged in the new seed policy and what are the areas of controversy with the scientific community;

(c) what efforts have been made by Government to provide with incentives to the private and public sector seed producing units in the country to undertake seed development and multiplication programme as also to identify areas for concentration of research development; and

(d) whether Government propose to review the seed import policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. However, the basic objective is to facilitate the growth of Indian Seed Industry and enable access to the farmers to the best available seed and planting material available anywhere in the world.

(c) A statement is annexed.(*See* below)

(d) A High Level Review Committee in the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is regularly monitoring the progress of the implementation of the policy and also considers appropriate changes wherever necessary.

Incentives given/being given to domestic Seed Industry to encourage and promote its growth to meet the internal requirements of seeds and also to enable them to bring in latest technology are as under:—

(i) It is proposed to reduced the import duty on machines/equipments used for seed production/processing etc. which are not manufactured in the country;

(ii) The facility of pre-shipment credit for period upto 180 days at 9.5% rate of interest per annum and post-shipment credit at 9.5% rate of interest per annum now available for industry will be applicable to seed sector. also;

(iii) Cash Compensatory Support on the export of seeds will be considered by Ministry of Commerece on the basis of data supplied by Seed Exporting Companies; and

(iv) Tax deductions as per Rules of Income Tax Act will be provided to